

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and early and favorable consideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 3-10 have been amended to remove multiple dependency, in order to place them in better condition for U.S. practice. The subject matter of the amended claims has not been narrowed, and no narrowing of the claims is intended by these amendments. No new matter has been added.

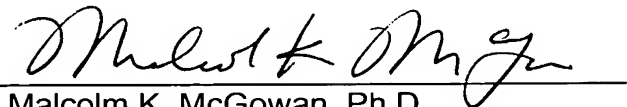
In the event that there are any questions concerning the present amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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